

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/734,584

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment filed on 11/15/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/27/2006 111500
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061218
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's amendment filed on 11/15/2006.
2. Claims 1, 16-18, 20-22, 24, 35-38 have been amended.
3. Claims 1-38 are pending and presented for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul A. Hrrity (Reg. No. 39,574) the undersigned for applicant(s) on December 18, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Currently Amended) A system implemented within one or more computer devices for generating a model, comprising:

means for forming candidate conditions;

means for generating statistics associated with the candidate conditions;

means for forming rules based, at least in part, on the candidate conditions and the generated statistics;

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means for adding the rules to the models; and

means for outputting the rule.

37. (Currently Amended) A system implemented within one or more computer devices for generating a model, comprising:

means for generating new conditions;

means for distributing the new conditions to a plurality of nodes;

means for generating statistics regarding the new conditions at each of the nodes;

means for generating new rules based, at least in part, on the statistics and the new conditions;

means for adding at least one of the new rules to the models' and

means for outputting the at least one of the new rules to at least one of the nodes.

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on November 27, 2006 complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, it has been placed in the application file. The information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

Reasons Allowance

6. The amendment filed by the applicant(s) on November 15, 2006 overcomes all the previously rejections set forth in this application.

7. In view of Applicant's amendment and remarks, filed November 15, 2006, Examiner has fully considered the amendment and remarks and believes they are deemed to be persuasive.

Claims 1-38 are allowed in light of Applicants' arguments and in light of prior art made of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques Veillard whose telephone number is (571) 272-4086. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Fri. from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, alt. Fri. off..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272- 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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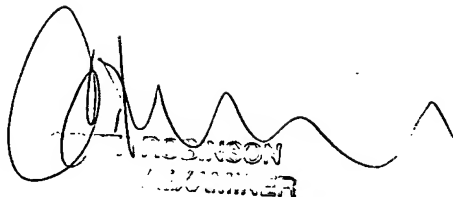
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December 18, 2006


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